

Mumbai Police organises two day job fair at Worli

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Thousands of youngsters gathered at the two-day job fair at Worli Police Grounds organised by Tech Mahindra and the Mumbai Police which commenced on Saturday.

At 10:30 am hundreds of young people mostly children of the Mumbai Police force had gathered at the Worli Police Grounds. As the clock struck 11 and preparations were on stage for the inauguration of Mahindra Group's Saral Rozgar and Mumbai Police's Counselling and Placement Centre's mega job fair for the families of the Mumbai Police, the crowd began to swell.

Many fresh graduates and post-graduates both young men and women were braving the May heat as the chairs in the shed space put for them were all full. "I have been struggling to get a job for sometime. But I am hopeful today. In a few places the employers were not very enthusiastic about hiring a policeman's child. When I asked them why, they did not reply. It is nice that this job fair is being conducted for us," said Yamini Pathak, 25, whose father is a hawaldar at the DN Marg police station.

Anup Kumar Singh, Joint Commissioner of Police (Administration) who was the chief guest said, "This is the first time since we started the fair in 2012 that we are having it on such a grand scale. Some two thousand young people many of whom are children of our police staff will benefit from this fair. The job seekers and the employers are meeting each other via this initiative which we have even opened to others (non-police)."

Companies like Mahindra Holidays, Whirlpool, Videocon, Eureka Forbes, Just Dial, Chetna Publication, ICICI bank were recruiting among the 30 companies at the fair. Mayuk Dasgupta, COO Saral Rozgar, Tech Mahindra said, "We started Saral Rozgar three years ago to achieve societal impact and provide entry level blue collar jobs to graduates and below for which employment options are lacking. This initiative is to connect the digital employers to the physical job seekers. This 2-day program is from 10 am to 5 pm and we have banking, financial, sales, retail, BPO job offers available to the police families as well as others."

Shalini Sharma, co-ordinator of Mumbai Police Professional Counselling and Placement Centre said, "Often we are so caught in the line of duty that our children pay the price. This initiative is a way of the police community to give back to our

families. They will get jobs on their merit but this is a potent platform. The job fair is free and all candidates will get a chance to give interviews for the jobs they want."

CST resident Karishma Jadhav, 23 was selected by IFFCO (Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative) Tokio, a general insurance company. "I have done my M.Com and this will be my first job. I wanted an insurance job and am very excited that I managed to get it. My father Dattaram is a Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) at Colaba police station. He told me about the job fair and I am happy I came and got a job," she said happily.

For Rohit Panhalkar, Mira Road resident who is also 23 and has done his B.Com a job at Mahindra Holidays is a dream come true. "My dad Dilip is a Police Assistant (PA) with Malwani police station. He told me about the job fair. Many of his colleague's children has been placed earlier and this year he said the fair was much bigger and I had a better chance of getting a job. My dad will be very happy to hear that I got my first job."

As they stood in line many were calling up their friends and asking them to come to the fair. "Getting a job is very tough. Here so many companies have come and jobs are freely available. I am telling my friends to come here and give the interviews," ended Swapnesh Kulkarni, 22, a Kandivali resident whose father is a police inspector with the Andheri East police station.